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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are three (3) copies of a Release of Security Interest, dated January 18, 2002, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed relates to the Security Agreement which was previously filed with the Board under Recordation Number 21770.

The name and address of the party to the enclosed document are:

Secured Party:

U.S. Bank National Association

(Assignee of U.S. Bancorp Republic

Commercial Finance) 601 Second Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55402

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed documents is:

- 1. Locomotive (WSOR 10A)
- 2. Locomotive (WSOR 10C)
- 3. Locomotive (WSOR 71A)
- 4. Coach Car (WSOR 800587, City of Milwaukee)
- 5. Passenger Car (WSOR 1002, City of Janesville)
- 6. Passenger Car (WSOR 1001, City of Horicon)
- 7. Passenger Car (WSOR 800151, Northern Pass)

A short summary to appear in the index follows:

Release of Security Interest

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$28.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return one stamped copy of the enclosed documents to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/anr enclosures

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RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to U.S. Bancorp Republic Commercial Finance, Inc.), Secured Party, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, hereby terminates, releases and discharges its security interest in and to the railroad equipment identified on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Such security interest was granted pursuant to that certain Security Agreement, dated as of October 13, 1998, between Northern Rail Car Leasing, Inc., Grantor, and U.S. Bancorp Republic Commercial Finance, Inc., Secured Party, filed with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") on November 5, 1998 at 2:32 p.m. under Recordation Number 21770 (the "Security Agreement").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned expressly retains and reserves its security interests in and liens against all of the railroad equipment and rolling stock described in the Security Agreement other than the railroad equipment identified on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Dated this 18 day of January, 2001.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: Havel Solon Title: VICE PRESIDENT

STATE OF Minnesota)

COUNTY OF HENNEDIA)

On this day of January, 2002, before me personally appeared to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he/she is a <u>Uice President</u> of U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to U.S. Bancorp Republic Commercial Finance, Inc.) and that said instrument was signed on behalf of said bank by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

KARI SCHLOTFELDT
Notary Public
Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2005

EXHIBIT A

Rolling Stock

- 1. Locomotive (WSOR 10A)
- 2. Locomotive (WSOR 10C)
- Locomotive (WSOR 71A) 3.
- Coach Car (WSOR 800587, City of Milwaukee) 4.
- Passenger Car (WSOR 1002, City of Janesville) Passenger Car (WSOR 1001, City of Horicon) 5.
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- 7. Passenger Car (WSOR 800151, Northern Pass)